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SENATE BILL

No. 1258

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

February 15, 2008

An act to amend Sections 14877.1 and 14877.2 of the Water Code, relating to graywater.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1258, as amended, Lowenthal. Graywater standards.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources, on or before January 1, 1997, and in consultation with the State Department of Public Health and the Center for Irrigation Technology at California State University, Fresno, to adopt standards for the installation of graywater systems. Existing law defines "graywater," for the purposes of that provision, to include wastewater from bathtubs, showers, bathroom washbasins, clothes washing machines, and laundry tubs. Existing law permits a graywater system to be installed if the city or county having jurisdiction over the installation determines that the system complies with standards adopted by the department.

This bill would require the department to adopt standards for the construction, installation, or alteration of graywater systems. The bill would also authorize a graywater system to be constructed or altered if the city or county having jurisdiction over the construction or alteration determines that the system complies with standards adopted by the department.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14877.1 of the Water Code is amended to read:

14877.1. (a) The department, in consultation with the State Department of Public Health and the Center for Irrigation Technology at California State University, Fresno, shall adopt standards for the construction, installation, or alteration of graywater systems. In adopting these standards, the department shall consider, among other resources, “Appendix J,” as adopted on September 29, 1992, by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, the graywater standard proposed for the latest edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, the City of Los Angeles Graywater Pilot Project Final Report issued in November 1992, and the advice of the Center for Irrigation Technology at California State University, Fresno, on the installation depth for subsurface drip irrigation systems.

(b) The department, in adopting standards pursuant to subdivision (a), shall achieve the promotion of graywater systems while ensuring reasonable protection of water quality in accordance with applicable provisions of state and federal water quality law.

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(c) The department shall include among the approved methods of subsurface irrigation, but shall not be limited to, drip systems.

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(d) The department shall revise its graywater systems standards as needed.

SEC. 2. Section 14877.2 of the Water Code is amended to read:

14877.2. A graywater system may be constructed, installed, or altered if the city or county having jurisdiction over the construction, installation, or alteration determines that the system complies with standards adopted by the department.